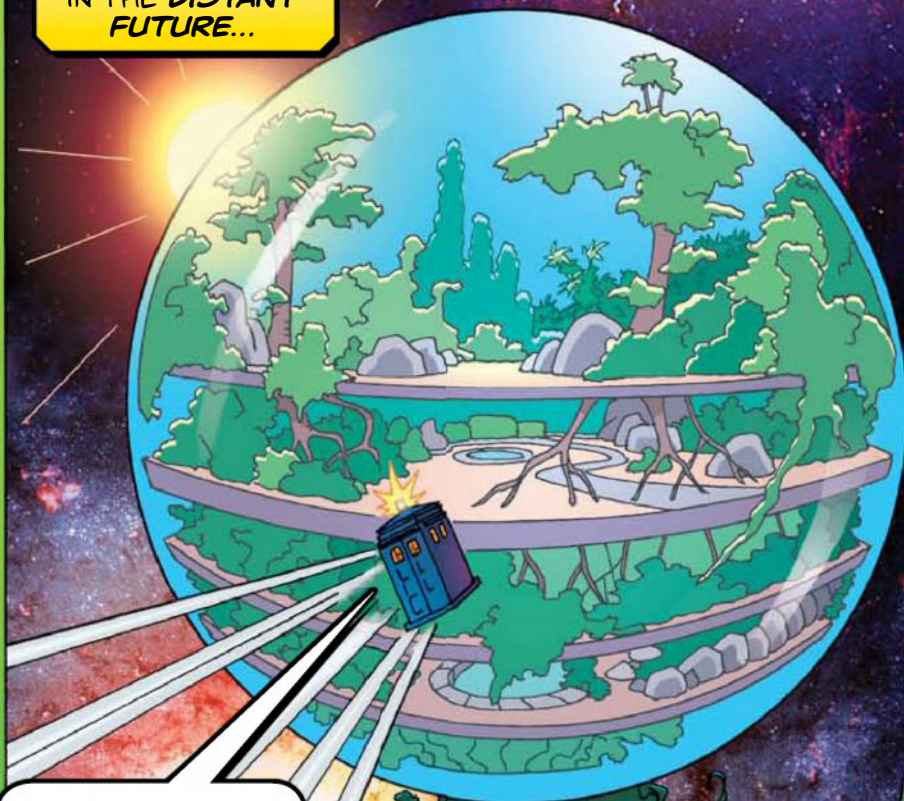
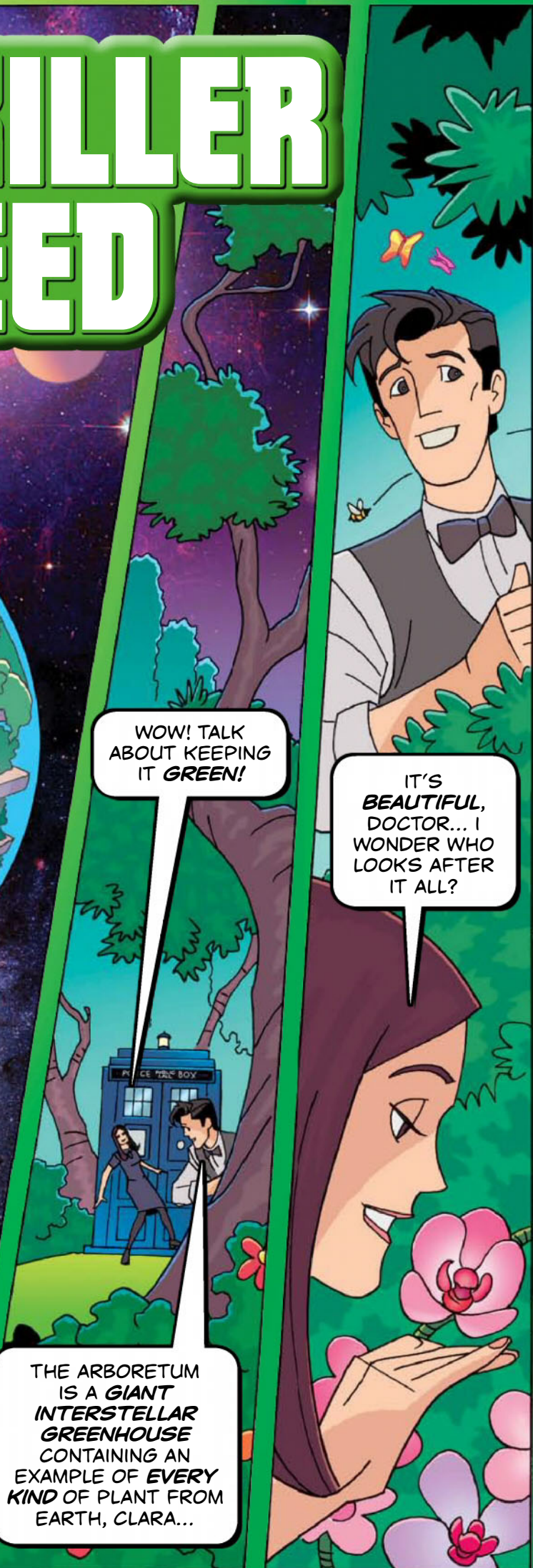
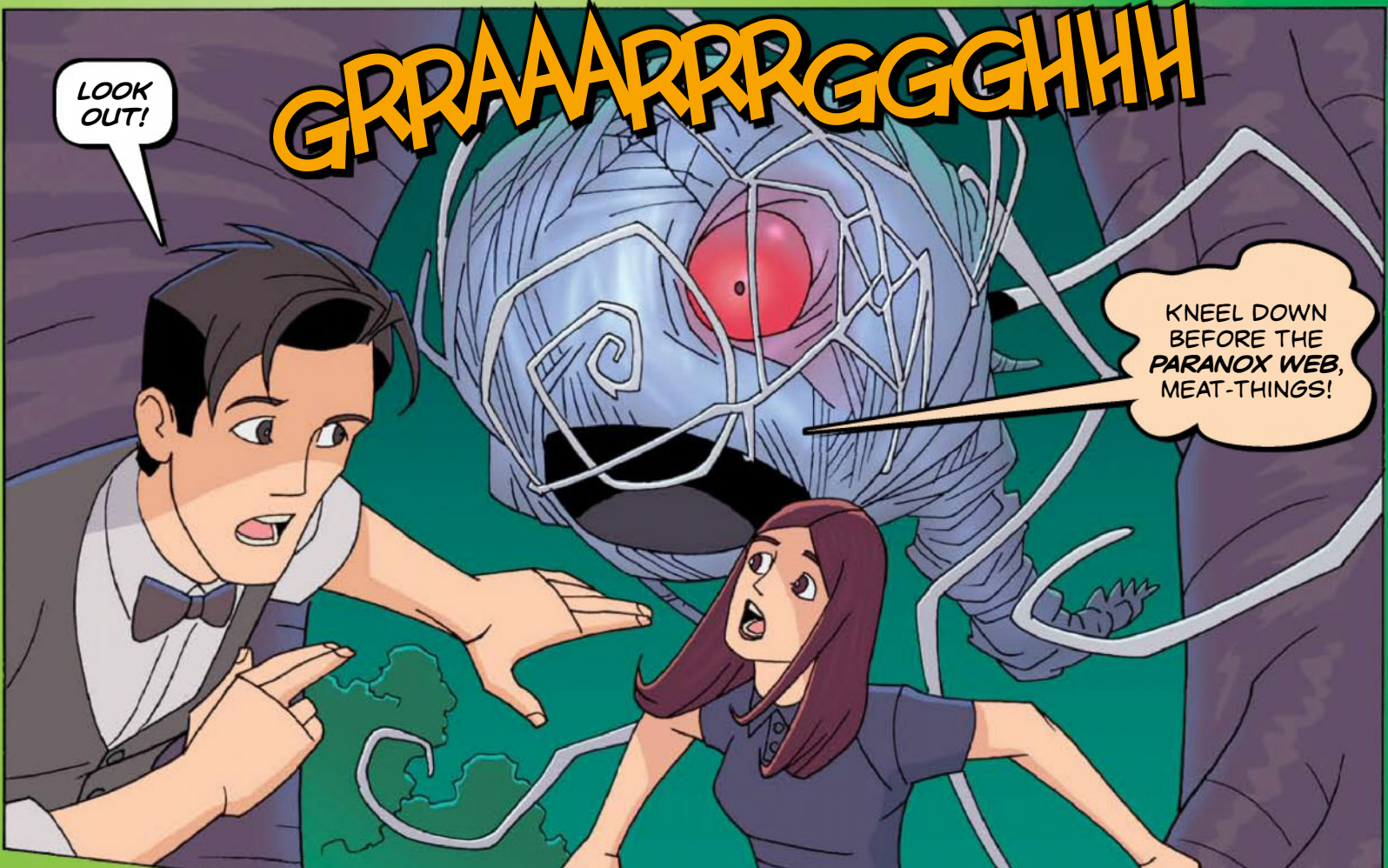
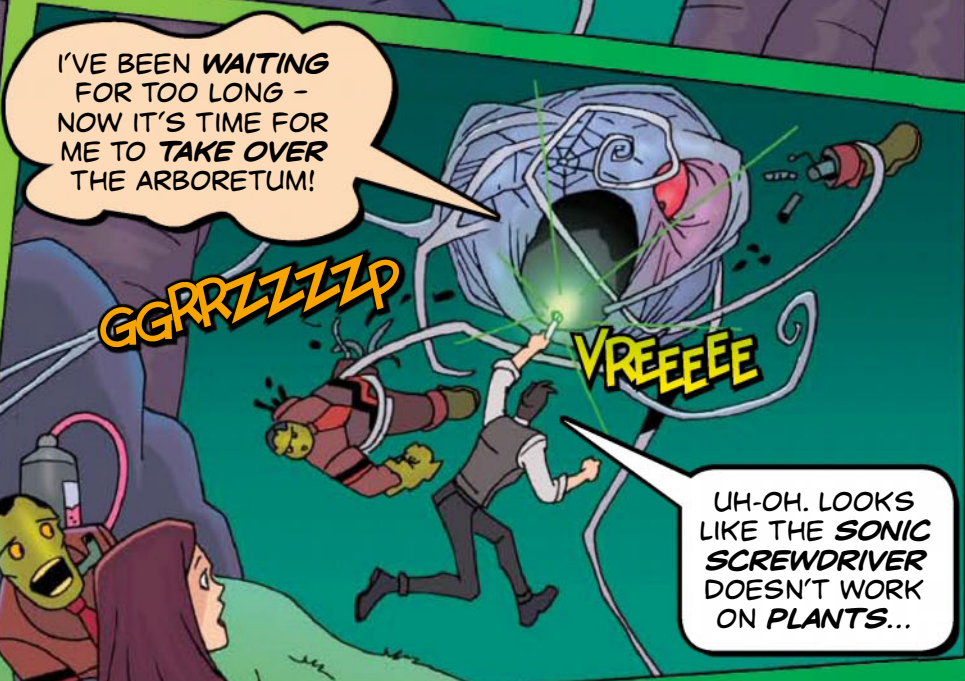
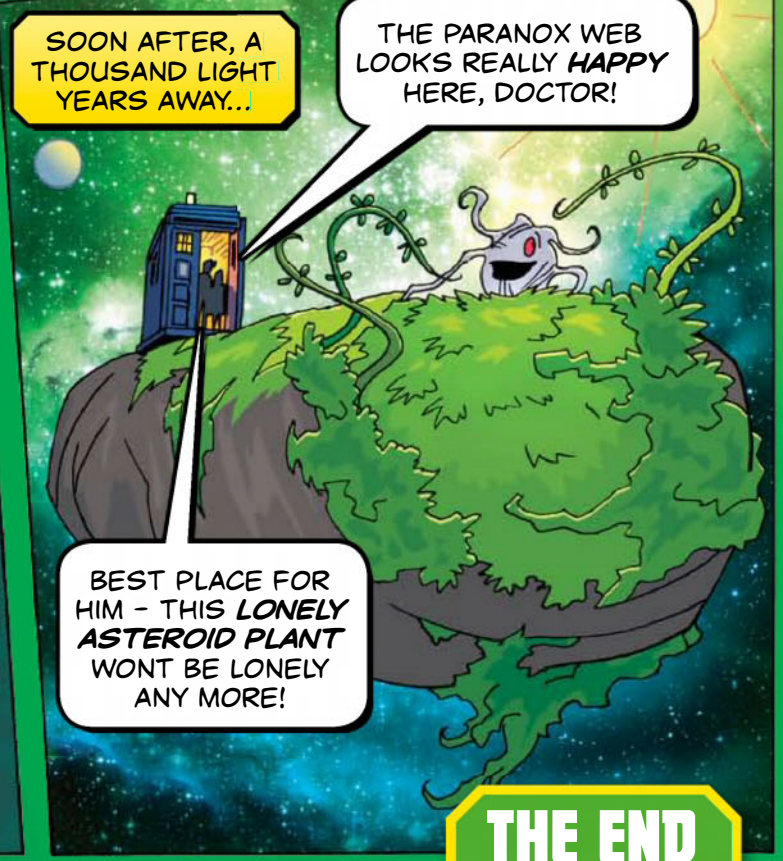
BBC DOCTOR WHO ADVENTURES
COMIC
THE KILLER WEED
WORDS TREVOR BAXENDALE
ART JOHN ROSS
COLOURING ALAN CRADDOCK
IN THE DISTANT FUTURE...
HERE IT IS, CLARA – WELCOME TO THE ARBORETUM!
WOW! TALK ABOUT KEEPING IT GREEN!
THE ARBORETUM IS A GIANT INTERSTELLAR GREENHOUSE CONTAINING AN EXAMPLE OF EVERY KIND OF PLANT FROM EARTH, CLARA...
IT'S BEAUTIFUL, DOCTOR... I WONDER WHO LOOKS AFTER IT ALL?

WE LOOK AFTER IT! I'M PERCY, HEAD GARDENER ON THE ARBORETUM.
VERY PLEASED TO MEET YOU! I'M THE DOCTOR AND THIS IS MY FRIEND CLARA – SHE'S FROM EARTH!
THE DOCTOR AND CLARA TAKE A TOUR OF THE ARBORETUM...
YOUR RHODODENDRONS ARE AMAZING! HOW DO YOU KEEP ALL THE PLANTS LOOKING SO LUSH?
WE USE A SPECIAL KIND OF FERTILISER TO HELP THEM GROW. IT'S CALLED FLORONITE.
HEY, PERCY! WHAT'S UP WITH THIS ASH TREE? I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT GARDENING, BUT THIS DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT...
EEW. WHAT IS IT – SOME SORT OF WEB?
NOT THIS STUFF AGAIN. WHAT A NUISANCE.
SNIP
RRRRPPPPPPP
THIS HORRIBLE WEED HAS BEEN SPROUTING UP EVERYWHERE FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS.
HEY... THERE'S A LOT MORE OF IT IN THE FOREST!
AND IT'S SPREADING – FAST!

LOOK OUT!
GRRAAARRRGGGHHH
KNEEL DOWN BEFORE THE PARANOX WEB, MEAT-THINGS!
I'D SAY YOU'VE GOT A BIT MORE THAN A WEED PROBLEM, PERCY!
IT'S NEVER BEEN AS BIG A PROBLEM AS THIS BEFORE.
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR TOO LONG – NOW IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TAKE OVER THE ARBORETUM!
GGRRZZZZP
VREEEEE
UH-OH. LOOKS LIKE THE SONIC SCREWDRIVER DOESN'T WORK ON PLANTS...
VREEEEE
... EVEN THOUGH THIS ONE CLEARLY HAS A SCREW LOOSE!
STAY WHERE YOU ARE, MEAT-THINGS – AND PREPARE TO BE ABSORBED!

EEK! LOOK OUT, PERCY!
GIVE ME THAT FERTILISER TANK! GIVE ME MORE FOOD!
THAT EXPLAINS WHY THE PARANOX HAS GROWN SO BIG! IT'S REACTING TO THE CHEMICALS IN YOUR FLORONITE FERTILISER, PERCY!
GLUG
YUM!
A LITTLE LATER...
THAT'S BETTER, PERCY! LET'S TRY THE PARANOX WEB ON SOME PLAIN WATER AND SEE HOW IT LIKES THAT!
SPOOOOOOSSH
EURGH!
NOT MUCH BY THE LOOKS OF IT! IT'S SHRINKING!
THEN...
THE WATER HAS DILUTED THE EFFECT OF THE FERTILISER, PERCY! ALL THAT'S LEFT OF THE PARANOX WEB NOW IS A HARMLESS BRAIN-SEED.
THANKS – FROM NOW ON WE'RE ONLY GOING TO USE WATER ON ALL OUR PLANTS.
SOON AFTER, A THOUSAND LIGHT YEARS AWAY...
THE PARANOX WEB LOOKS REALLY HAPPY HERE, DOCTOR!
BEST PLACE FOR HIM – THIS LONELY ASTEROID PLANT WONT BE LONELY ANY MORE!
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